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"Post-Its" Harmful to Archival Material

(From Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists Newsletter
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The research and testing laboratory of the Document Conservation Branch of the National Archives and Records Administration has examined two brands of removable self-stick notes, including 3M Scotch (TM) Post-IT (TM) Notes and AMB brand Attention (TM) Note Pads. Although the two brands of notes employ different adhesives, the test results were similar. Adhesive remained on sheets to which the notes were adhered after aging two weeks at 80 C (176 F), 65% relative humidity (RH). Evidence of adhesive was found even when the notes were applied to sheets and removed immediately.

It is also important to note that while neither adhesive lifted electrostatic images when removed immediately from typical electrostatic copies, both lifted the image when removed after aging two weeks at 80 C (176 F), 65% RH.

In addition to adhesive transfer, NARA chemists noted that some colors of the notes tend to run when wet and that some of the papers tested contain lignin and alum-rosin sizing.

Based on these findings, the National Archives recommends that no removable self-stick notes be used on any paper records that have permanent value.

Nevada Archaeological Awareness Week

The 1990 Nevada Archaeological Awareness Week is October 12-19. Please schedule activities such as: lectures, exhibits, fieldtrips, or organization open houses to commemorate this week. We need to inform the public on the diversity of Nevada's past and our responsibility in preserving it.

Let's get started now planning for activities in all parts of Nevada. Write to this newsletter with your events!

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Accepted

(Alan Simmons)

The NAA symposium for the GBAC to be held in Reno October 12-14 at the Holiday Inn has been accepted, according to symposium organizer, Dr. Alan Simmons of the DRI. Dr. Pat Barker, State Archaeologist for the BLM will chair the symposium at the GBAC. The following papers will be presented (not necessarily in this order):

A Long-Term Study of Artifact Exposure at Early Human Sites by Phillip W. Hutchinson.

Charcoal Kilns of Nevada by Stephen MacMillan.

"So You Want to Organize an Avocational Archaeology Group" by Russell Avery, and *"A Different and Successful Certification Program for Avocational Archaeologists"* by Helen Mortenson.

Rock Art in the Great Basin, the Scratched Style Mystery Reexamined - Is it Illusion or Reality? by Stephen A. Stoney.

Calendrical Markers in Clark County, Nevada by Grace Burkholder.

Nevada SHPO and Staff Go Underground by William G. White.

Recent Archaeological Investigations in the Southern Truckee Meadows by Thomas D. Burke.

Groundstone Procurement Loci Along the Colorado River in Southern Nevada by Kevin Rafferty.

Archaeology and the Gunfighter: Jack Longstreet and the Historic Archaeology of the Southern Monitor Range by Bertrand T. Young and C. Lynn Furnis Rodgers.

1990 NAA Journal

(Gary Haynes)

The next issue of the *Nevada Archaeologist* will be Volume 8 (we no longer give the volumes two numbers, stretching them over two years; so there will be no Vol. 7, No. 2).

The issue will include a paper by Brian Amme on a possible prehistoric trade route in eastern Nevada; a paper by Kevin Rafferty on the importance of Cultural Resource Management (CRM) archaeology in the Great Basin; a paper by Anan Raymond describing a Clovis point from Churchill County; and a paper by Brian Hockett discussing scorpion remains in archaeological sites.

There will probably be another one or two papers in the issue as space allows.

Please submit your articles for the *Nevada Archaeologist* to:

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Summer Fieldwork Volunteers Needed

(Ron King)

Brian Hockett and Ron King have applied for funds to conduct small scale sampling at two sites in central Nevada during late July to the middle of August.

The first project is at a large, in excess of 77,000 square meters, open air site with evidence of a wide range of activities and temporal components. The project goal is to complete a map of the site and to identify and record features and activity areas. Additionally, one elevated midden will be shovel probed to test for depth of deposit, integrity, and significance.

The second location is a small unsampled cave which will be mapped and sampled with two excavation units. The work at the cave will be directed toward determining the depth of the deposit, collecting taphonomic and paleoenvironmental samples, and testing for archaeological components. In addition some archaeological survey will be conducted in conjunction with locating and collecting a series of woodrat middens.

These projects are planned for a 7-10 day field session. There may be money to feed a limited number of volunteers willing to work the entire field session and there may be transportation available from Reno to the field camp. Volunteers are also welcome to work for a few days. Be prepared with camping equipment.

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Artifacts Donated to UNR Learning Lab

(Phil Hutchinson)

Phil Hutchinson donated an Early Man artifact display to the UNR Learning Lab. This display is now used in Nevada prehistory classes. Phil also plans to provide an exhibit of Nevada artifacts for the UNR Museum. This is something a School of learning should have! In the past, all students saw were a few plastic replicas.

Fieldtrip: LCCNAA and Archaeo-Nevada

(Helen Mortenson)

The Lincoln County Chapter of NAA and the Archaeo-Nevada Society will do an archaeological survey at Gleason Canyon above Caliente, Nevada on Saturday and Sunday May 12-13. NAA members are invited to attend. Contact: for LCCNAA, Barbara Rohde 728-4579 or for Archaeo-Nevada, Russell Avery 385-3877.

New NAA Chapters Forming

NAA President Helen Mortenson and NAA Board Member Susan Murphy have been traveling across Nevada talking with interested persons about forming new NAA Chapters in Beatty, Ely, and Elko. Congratulations to all for your interest and efforts in preserving Nevada's diverse past.

Society of American Archaeology Adds Avocational Membership Category

(From SAA Bulletin 8(2):17, April 1990, article by Earl Lubensky)

Regional, state, provincial, and local archaeological societies will soon be able to affiliate with the Society of American Archaeology through the Council of Affiliated Societies, which has recently been approved by the SAA Executive Board. Annual dues have been set at \$25. Benefits include the SAA Bulletin and a variety of programs contemplated to help accomplish the Society's objectives "to foster the formation and welfare of regional and local archaeological societies" and "to serve as a bond among those interested in American Archaeology, both professionals and non-professionals, and to aid in directing these efforts into scientific channels." Application forms will be sent to those societies on the SAA mailing list.

To help accomplish these objectives, a category of avocational memberships has been established. Dues also have been set at \$25 per year. Benefits include the SAA Bulletin and programs designed for affiliated societies of which they may be members.

A task force has been formed to advise and assist in the formation of the new Council of Affiliated Societies, as provided by the SAA's amended by-laws. The task force is chaired by Earl H. Lubensky of the Missouri Archaeological Society, which for the past several years has been promoting interest in the formation of an association of archaeological societies in North America. The task force will meet during the Las Vegas annual meeting to draft by-laws for the council, to be approved by the SAA Executive Board. It is contemplated that the inaugural meeting of the Council will be held during the 1991 annual meeting.

The council will be composed of a representative and an alternate from each affiliated society. SAA by-laws provide for cooperation to the extent practicable with affiliated units in serving their needs and interest in American Archaeology. The SAA Bulletin format is being revised and expanded to include news of regional workshops, help in developing relationships and joint activities with museums and historical societies, and promotion of mutually beneficial cooperation among professional and non-professional archaeologists.

Materials of interest to archaeological societies and avocational archaeologists may be submitted for publication in the SAA Bulletin. Manuscripts should be sent to L.W. Patterson, 418 Wycliffe, Houston, Texas 70079.

